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### Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012

#### The Report from The Surrey LINK Learning Disabilities Group

As part of our work plan 2010-2012 the group have been monitoring the health provision of People with Learning Disabilities (PLD), and can give the following update.

The work of the Acute LD Liaison Nurses in hospitals is ensuring that within the acute care setting, people with Learning Disabilities are getting a more person-centred service with reasonable adjustments. **(Supported by evidence on Surrey LINK Visits and feedback from Service Users and Carers)**

The Hospital Passports have been found to be very useful and have been adopted by other services supporting other groups of vulnerable patients (with dementia for example). **(Supported by evidence on Surrey LINK Hospital visits)**

Surrey LINK joined with the SAMS group supported by VoicAbility, Macmillan Cancer Support, and Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to arrange an event with people with learning disabilities and their support workers, about rights, health checks and health screening **(Keeping Healthy Report Attached)** This was very good partnership working with a number of agencies and highlights issues that ought to be taken forwards with the clinical commissioning groups. This partnership will continue to look at cancer awareness and health screening into 2013.

The Surrey LINK LD Group was aware of the difficulties of PLD in accessing an annual GP health check in 2010-2011. We are thus delighted that the Primary Care LD Liaison Nurses are taking this work forward.

The Primary Care LD Liaison Nurses will be liaising very closely with all generic services to improve the quality and inclusiveness of services.

## **ANNEX 2**

We have also been involved in the 'Improving the Health of people with Learning Disabilities' Strategy for Surrey 2012-2015 and the proposed Action Plan will be a useful tool to ensure that inequalities are addressed.

We will continue to promote the importance of involving Family Carers, and Advocates, and the need for "Best Interest "meetings to ensure the health needs and rights of People with Learning Disabilities are upheld.

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